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SUBJECT: ANTHRACITE COAL

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1. EMBASSY IS INFORMED THAT SUPPLIES OF ANTHRACITE COAL ARE OF NO INTEREST TO U.K. CENTRAL ELECTRICITY GENERATING BOARD OR TO STEEL FOUNDRIES. U.K. NEEDS ARE CONFINED ALMOST ENTIRELY TO NON-INDUSTRIAL MARKET.

A. OFFICIAL OF CHAMBER OF COAL TRADERS STATES THERE IS CURRENT REQUIREMENT, IN EXCESS OF NORMAL AVAILABILITY, FOR 100,000 LONG TONS OF GRADED DOMESTIC ANTHRACITE IN SIZES 5/8 INCH AND OVER, DOUBLE SCREENED, I.E. TOP AND BOTTOM, SUBJECT TO FREIGHT CHARGE AND PRICE WHICH IS LIKELY TO BE MOST IMPORTANT NEGOTIATING FACTOR. SHIPMENT PROBABLY VIA ROTTERDAM.

B. GOVT. DOES NOT MAINTAIN A STOCKPILE OF ANTHRACITE COAL.

C. THREE MAJOR IMPORTERS ARE
CHARRINGTONS GARDNER LOCKET & CO. LTD.
CHARRINGTON HOUSE
BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE

WM. CORY & SON LTD.
CORY BUILDINGS
117 FENCHURCH STREET
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SHIPPING & COAL CO. LTD.
BALTIC HOUSE
27 LEADENHALL STREET
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